

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 1981, Cozy Dorton was a 3rd grade teacher in Custer, recognizing the need to challenge and stretch the imagination and creative problem solving skills of students in South Dakota because of the need to enrich the curriculum for gifted students; and,

Whereas, Cozy has committed 25 years to encouraging today's youth and tomorrow's leaders to challenge themselves to reach their full potential through Olympics of the Mind, Odyssey of the Mind and Destination ImagiNation since they began in South Dakota in 1981; and,

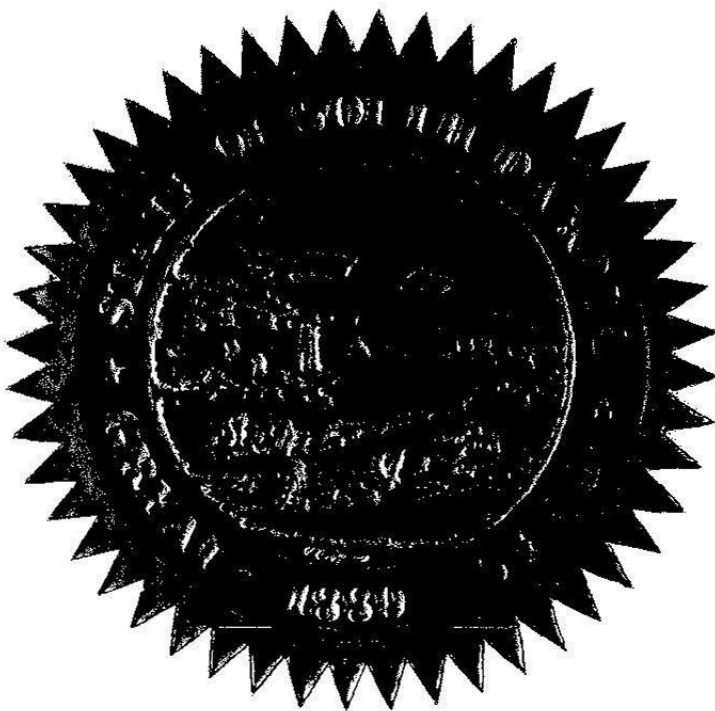
Whereas, Cozy has been a coach, coordinator, regional director, challenge master, judge, appraiser and state director since 1997, and has fulfilled many other roles in South Dakota creative problem solving for 25 years without any interruption, pause or break, thus making her the one constant in this vital experience for students; and,

Whereas, Destination ImagiNation and its predecessor programs have benefited each student who has participated; allowed participants to appreciate their creative skills; developed new skills and confidence in students; and demonstrated that the future of South Dakota is in capable hands, but without Cozy none of these results would have been possible:

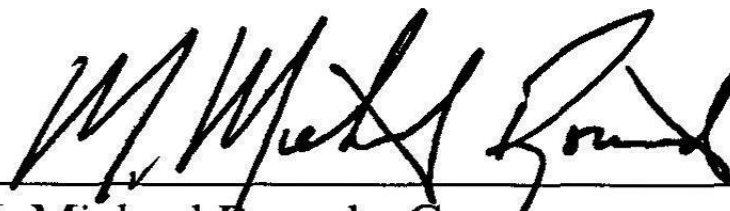
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 1, 2006, as

COZY DORTON DAY

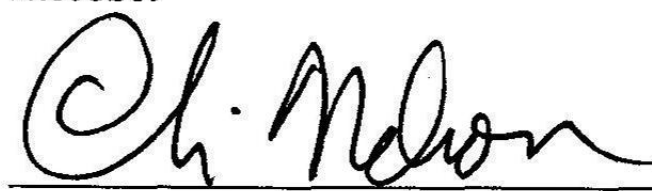
in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State